

**EXAMINING BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS,
HYDROLOGISTS AND SOIL SCIENTISTS
MINUTES
MADISON, WISCONSIN
MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 1999**

PRESENT: Herb Garn and Robert Karnauskas in person, Stephen Donohue, Thomas Evans, Jerry Tyler, Tracy Benzel, (unconfirmed), Fred Birts, Wayne Lindgren and Patrick McGuire by telephone conference

EXCUSED: Roger Hall, David Mickelson, Joan Underwood

STAFF PRESENT: Alfred Hall and Becky Fry, Bill Black, Legal Counsel

GUEST: Mike Lemke, Department of Natural Resources

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:23 a.m., by Stephen Donohue, Vice-Chair. A quorum of eight voting members was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Thomas Evans moved, seconded by Fred Birts, to approve the agenda, as published. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (10/26/99)

MOTION: Fred Birts moved, seconded by Herb Garn, to approve the minutes, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Secretary Cummings' Report

Secretary Cummings was not available to address the Board.

Bureau Director's Report

Alfred Hall informed the Board that the budget has been finalized.

Alfred Hall will be attending the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules meeting later this morning, to address the second extension of the emergency rules.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Scope Statement Revising Examination Requirements That Professional Hydrologists and Professional Soil Scientists Must Meet to Sit for the Fundamentals Examination

Alfred Hall indicated that a scope statement must be initiated to give notice to the public that the Board intends to revise its rules and to describe the intended changes. The scope statement is being modified to include language about removing extraneous language from the examination requirements.

Noted.

PRACTICE ISSUES

Supervising Professional for Environmental Remediation Update, Morrissey

Alfred Hall talked to William Morrissey who indicated that no action is being taken on the supervising professional for environmental remediation at this time.

Alfred Hall informed the Board that the Department of Commerce is not requesting any action from the Board regarding remediation professionals.

DNR Administrative Rule Update, Lemke

Mike Lemke addressed the issue of the revision of the 700 series administrative rules by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) relating to professional requirements as they relate to professional soil scientists, geologists and hydrologists, and remediation professionals.

Mr. Lemke indicated that the DNR does not support nor see the need for a separate licensing category for remediation professionals. He stated that more information could be obtained by contacting Mark Giesfeldt at DNR.

Mr. Lemke stated the 700 series rules are related more to remediation professionals. He explained there has not been any initiative to incorporate anything into that specific series of rules versus any other series of rules.

Mr. Lemke indicated that the DNR is on hold as far as incorporating professional soil scientists, geologists, and hydrologists into NR 700 and the administrative code. Mr. Lemke informed the Board that the wetland delineator issue has become a concern for the DNR.

Bill Black reviewed and informed Mike Lemke of GHSS 1.06, regarding the wetland delineator exemption.

EXAMINATION ISSUES

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Alfred Hall reminded the Soil Science Section of their next meeting, scheduled for November 30, 1999, at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Fred Birts moved, seconded by Robert Karnauskas, to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.